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An investigation is to be had into the Louisiana election. An amendment should be moved to substitute Indiana for Louisiana in the text of the resolution.

The Texas Iron News has done splendid work in the way of booming Jefferson and the iron interests of Marion county. Such work should be appreciated by the citizens of that section.

The Little Rock Gazette says: "Little Rock cotton dealers will appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission to secure freight rates on cotton to New Orleans in proportion to the rates to New York. The difference is now too great." The New Orleans Cotton Exchange has already moved in this matter.

In New York, at 9 o'clock on the morning of April 30 next, a Thanksgiving service will be held in all the churches of the city, it being the 100th anniversary of the Thanksgiving service held on the occasion of Washington's inauguration on April 30, 1789. President Cleveland will be asked to declare April 30 next a day of thanksgiving.

The Texas Farm and Ranch says: From now until spring you may find dozens of farmers (?) "in town"—nothing to do after cotton is picked. Next summer they will be howling about hard times and legal oppression, and studying how to beat the crop mortgage. The election is over, the ballots are counted, and the candidates are all happy or ready to explain how they got beat. Now, then, take a higher hitch on the backband and seek the plow point way down deep and keep it going till spring.

The river and harbor bill, reported to the house, appropriates for all the great rivers and harbors of the greatest nation on the earth, the sum of \$11,906,850. This sum is distributed in pitiful handfuls on a system of frittering waste and expenditures, patching up and repairing. It is just about enough to make a great harbor on the Texas coast.

George Raby, a St. Louis contractor, in overhauling some old papers recently, found a missing bank book, which he had received from Moss & Co.'s bank of Liverpool, England, over thirty years ago, showing that he had made a deposit in the bank. Upon finding the book he sent it to the bank, together with his sworn statement of the matter. Sir Thos. Edward Moss, one of the bank officials, recognized the old form of the bank book and official stamp, and Mr. Raby has received notice that the claim will be paid shortly with interest.

Even in republican Philadelphia the color line still continues to be sharply drawn. Recently one of that city's councilmen, who is also an architect and builder, sold a house to Seldon J. M. Brock, a light-colored negro, the latter paying down \$25 to bind the bargain. Subsequently, the builder discovered that parties on the same block, who had also purchased houses from him, would not tolerate the presence of a colored neighbor, and he declined to consummate the bargain. Brock brought suit, but as the builder's wife refused to sign the deed with her husband, he simply asks for \$125 damages.

The statute in New York, which changes the mode of executing criminals from hanging to that of death by electricity, also provides that no details of any execution shall be given by the public press. The New York Sun ridicules the latter provision and says: "We should urge the immediate repeal of the prohibition against publishing the details of the executions by electricity if we believed that portion of the law to be constitutional. But we do not. No law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press, says the constitution. The electrical execution bill, so far as it attempts to restrain the newspapers from the publishing accounts of the manner in which the death penalty is inflicted, seems to us plainly in conflict with this constitutional provision."

No secret is made now in Baltimore of the proposed change in the Baltimore and Ohio management. The Garrett people announce that when the new administration takes charge every officer and employee on the road appointed through the influence of Senator Gorman and other State and city directors must walk the plank. Only those friendly to the Garretts will be permitted to remain. Among others who will be displaced is Vice President Orland Smith. Third Vice President Lord is the only official, it is said, who will retain his position. Some doubt is expressed as to Mr. Robert Garrett going back in the directory. He is past all cure: but Judge Frick, his father-in-law, will act for the family and carry out their wishes.

From 1850 to 1870 was the palmy days of river traffic. The Mississippi was a great artery of commerce. From one end to the other the river was black with steamboats heavily laden with valuable freight and human beings. Now, a steamboat passing is a curiosity and men, women and children rush from their cabins to the river bank to see a steamboat go by. Ocean commerce is five times greater than it was in those days, and yet congress votes vast sums for the improvement of water ways no longer used and small sums for harbors that are an immediate necessity. Why should it try to galvanize a corpse back to life when there are the living are to be cared for.

Waco has had a number of great commercial failures in the year now just closing. The Advocate can, and will give the explanation. It is the enormous rentals charged. Rentals are a hundred per cent too high there. With the state filled full of sharp competitors and railroads in every direction, the merchants dare not claim such a margin on their goods as will enable them to pay the rent and live besides. The price of real estate and rent is generally too high in Texas, but far in excess of all reason in Waco. Here is a competent lesson for Victoria and many other ambitious towns in the state.—Victoria Advocate.

A remarkable feature connected with cattle ranching in Texas is the utter collapse in the demand for saddle horses. Even before the spring round-ups the demand was extremely quiet. This is one of the economies of the pasture system that the cattle can be handled with less men and a smaller number of horses. The ranch companies are buying plows and heavy farm teams, mules, etc.—San Angelo Standard.

The WACO EVENING NEWS comes to us as one of our exchanges and is a bright, sparkling paper, just such as we predicted our young friend, Will White, would get up.—Cynthiana, Ky. Democrat.

Thanks, friend Brown. The kind words of the Democrat, in our far away home, fall on our ears like grateful rain on thirsty flowers.

"Where is My Boy To-night."

An exchange says: "In nearly every case the boys who bring disgrace and sorrow upon their parents are allowed to run the streets at night. With the shades of night around a boy, comes the opportunity for bad associations that do not tempt them in the broad light of day. Evil does do not stalk about at noon-day, and hence the boy is not apt to come in contact with it when the sun, at meridian height, is the beauty and glory of the sky. Keep your boys off the streets at night, or rather safely sheltered in the home nest, where evil influences never enter to lead them astray."

Northern capitalists have purchased 150 acres of land in the suburbs of San Antonio, and propose to erect a \$50,000 hotel and large sanitarium for the treatment of consumption and other diseases.

People who have gone to Richmond to the exposition speak of the many handsome women seen in the crowds there. This observation is no doubt well founded. Richmond is a very provincial city in many respects, but she is metropolitan if not cosmopolitan in the beauty of her women, if this means that the beauty of her women is unsurpassed. There are no pre-eminent belles in Richmond now as there were in the days closely following the war, when Mattie Ould transfixed with both her beauty and wit everybody she met, but what has been lost in individual celebrities has been more than made up in a grand multitude of wonderfully attractive women.

Curios.

Every body, rich and poor, will undoubtedly give the loved ones a present, you can suit your purse at Morrison Risher & Co's. Presents new and beautiful, at from \$5 to \$25.

NEWS NOTES.

A Brocton, Mass. shoe factory is operated by electricity.

Maryland's 488 canning factories employ 25,000 men and 15,000 can-makers.

There is no law against a wife's picking a husband's pocket in order to buy him a Christmas present.

Philadelphia has just consecrated a church for deaf mates—the only one in the world. No one is allowed to sleep during the sermon.

Potatoes are a drug in the market at Colfax, Wis., owing to the enormous crop raised in that section. The best price to be got is 10 cents a bushel, and one farmer offered to give a friend a wagon load of choice ones if he would take the trouble to send for them.

There is a boothblack in the New York City hall who is quite a curiosity. He has one arm off below the elbow and wears a wooden limb strapped tightly to the stump. To this wooden arm is fastened a brush, and he uses it as ardently as the one used in the other hand.

Hon. W. W. Lang will return to Hamburg this week. He will first go to Paris, where his daughter, Miss Chase, and his son Will are at school. From there he will re-enter upon his duties as consul-general at Hamburg to await the pleasure of President-elect Harrison.

The farmers alliance of Minnesota is already organizing to have a voice in the election of a United States senator. The alliance claims that it will control at least twenty-five votes in the legislature, and proposes to cast these first for Ignatius Donnelly, but has no hope of securing his election.

The success of Mrs. Shaw, the professional whistler, has created a sort of furore. Every pair of lips shows a tendency to pucker tunelessly. The old adage concerning whistling girls and crowing hens must be amended by the elimination of the first clause or the country will go to ruin at a mad gallop.

The recent failure of Elijah Gilbert, a New Haven grocer, is said to have been occasioned by the loss of \$80,000 at draw poker which he played for amusement with some of his "friends" who combined against him. This is another incident in the exchange of the culture of the East for the vices of the rowdy West.

They are giving Attorney General Hogg merry particular in certain quarters, for his late circular against betting on elections. It does seem just a little too steep, but no worse than the law on the subject itself. Why not attack the law instead of Hogg? Hogg is one of those old-fashioned sort of men who have an idea that laws were made to be executed and obeyed.—Victoria Advocate.

Mr. Gladstone will spend a part of the winter in Naples. He must guard his health with the utmost care, for he has a great deal of work before him, and much depends on the way in which, if at all, he will be able to dispose of it. The fate of home rule in Ireland, for the present at least, depends upon the life of this old man, whose strength has already been taxed far beyond the endurance of most men.

A foreign correspondent notes the differences between an English and an American girl in dancing. The American girl is a nervous creature. She is as excitable as a thoroughbred mare. When she dances her eyes sparkle, her cheek flushes, her face is lighted up and every nerve is at tension in the thrill of music and motion. The English girl, on the contrary, does not alter her amiable torpidity in the least. She does not smile. She turns solemnly around without a vestige or abandon. She does not dance, but trots.

The postage stamp collection mania cannot be said to be dying out. At a recent auction in London the following prices for rare specimens were realized: The blue black Cape error, £15; the "Lady McLeod" Trinidad local, £13 13s; the three-lyre Tuscan on the original envelope, £12 12s; the New Brunswick shilling, £5; Nova Scotia shilling, £4 5s; the penny black Great Britain, with V. R. in corner, £5 15s. All the colonial stamps realized good prices, showing that the interest in varieties has largely increased.

Marriage brokers are a distinct institution in Corea, and most alliances are arranged by them. The father of the boy consults by letter with the father of the girl through the agency of these go-betweens and generally the whole matter is arranged without the interested parties having been consulted or even having seen each other. Indeed the whole transaction is conducted very much as a real estate transfer would be in this country, except that the purchaser would naturally take a look at the property. In Corea no such preliminary view of the prospective wife or husband is permitted. Unless a man marries he is considered of very little importance in Corean society. Every unmarried man is considered a boy, though he should live to be 100. Hence marriages take place very early in life.

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